"Made and contributed
by Mary Ann Elston, Mrs
Wm Strong's cook, who
having little time, and no
place to call our, sat up all
night, and used her
talents for one.

Ms. A.9.2.16.61a

My dear Mrs Chapman

At the time I received your kind note inviting me to send something to the Liberty Bell, I had nothing on hand worthy of that destination. Since then I have been so occupied with urgent duties that I have not had leisure for the calm mood of composition. Before this, doubtless, the book is printed — I therefore am deprived of the pleasure of sending anything of mine there this year —

Your friend & servant
James F. Clarke

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